**Dullahan owners cheer after drawing 5th post**

**By MARK EMMERT** - [memmert@dmreg.com](mailto:memmert@dmreg.com)  **LOUISVILLE, Ky. —** If Dullahan wants to keep an eye on the two favorites in Saturday's Kentucky Der­by, he's in the perfect spot. The colt owned by Iowa-based Donegal Rac­ing drew the No. 5 post Wednesday for the first leg of the Triple Crown, right in between morn­ing- line favorite Bode­meister (4-1 odds in the 6 hole) and second choice Union Rags (9-2, 4 hole).  
  
Dullahan was estab­lished as the 8-1, fourth betting choice by Chur­chill Downs oddsmaker Mike Battaglia. His connections were so thrilled to hear his name called for the No. 5 gate that they let out a loud cheer in an other­wise- quiet Secretariat Lounge during the nation­ally televised post draw. Others in the crowd laughed at the outburst.  
  
We won the award for loudest cheering," said Ray Smith of West DesMoines, one of 12 Dullahan owners from Iowa.  
  
Whereweare, with Bo­demeister next to him and Take Charge Indy inside (Gate 2), two speed horses, there shouldn't be any gate issues coming out side­ways or whatever. We'll probably have toshowa lit­tle early foot down there, which is OK, and get up into position.  
  
After we didn't get the 1hole and the 16 through 20, anything that falls in there is A-OK."  
  
Dullahan trainer Dale Romanssaidhewasn't con­cerned about what post his horse drew, as long as it avoided the No. 1 gate on the extreme inside of the 20-horse field.  
  
He's probably going to drop back and make one good run anyway," Ro­mans said. It didn't mat­ter who was on either side of us. We're going to break sharp and just kind of gradually back up."  
  
Smith, who named Dul­lahan, had a premonition that the colt would end up in the 8 post. He then pur­chased three fortune cook­ies that all began with that number.  
  
But it was Donegal­owned Finnegan's Wake who drew that post instead for a Friday race here.  
  
No matter. The 5 post has produced eight Derby winners, including four in the past 20 years.  
  
They've had 137 of these," Smith said, so that's a pretty good per­centage. I'm happy with where we ended up."

